

CLAIMS:

1. A method of enabling multiple users of a UPnP network to access an inventory of content information items stored at a MediaServer on the network, the method comprising:
 - enabling to identify each respective one of the multiple users by means of a respective one of different addresses contained in a respective request for access to the MediaServer; and
 - enabling to provide respective modes of access to the inventory that are different for the respective addresses.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the respective modes of access differ from one another with regard to rights to access at least a specific one of the content information items in the inventory.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the respective modes of access differ from one another with regard to user interaction allowed with at least a specific one of the content information items in the inventory.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the respective modes of access differ from one another with regard to a representation of the inventory.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the respective addresses comprise respective IP addresses or respective MAC addresses of respective Control Points on the network.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the respective addresses are comprised in respective SOAP requests to the MediaServer.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises a Control Point that enables the multiple users to interact with the network, the method comprising enabling the Control Point to use different addresses for respective ones of the multiple users.

8. For use on a UPnP network with a MediaServer for storing an inventory of content information items, software for control of user access to the inventory, wherein the software provides different modes of access that are different for respective users as identified by respective addresses in respective requests for access to the inventory.

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9. The software of claim 8, wherein the respective modes of access differ from one another with regard to rights to access at least a specific one of the content information items in the inventory.

10 10. The software of claim 8, wherein the respective modes of access differ from one another with regard to user interaction allowed with at least a specific one of the content information items in the inventory.

11. The software of claim 8, wherein the respective modes of access differ from
15 15. one another with regard to a representation of the inventory.

12. The software of claim 8, wherein the modes of access are programmable.